

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 13, and 17 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A composite storage apparatus comprising:

a disk drive which has a first connector for a first interface; and

a card board having a second connector for the first interface and a third connector for a second interface different in type of interface from the first interface,

wherein said card board further comprises:

an interface conversion circuit for converting said second interface into said first interface and being connected to said third connector for connecting to an outside connection using said second interface; and

a memory card device which is connected to said interface conversion circuit; and

wherein said second connector is directly connected to a connection line between the interface conversion circuit and the memory card device, for connecting to the outside connection when connecting with the outside connection using the first interface, and for connecting to a disk drive having a first interface when connecting with the outside connection using the second interface.

2. (Previously Presented) The composite storage apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said memory card device comprises:

a fourth connector of a memory card; and

a memory card control circuit which is connected to said fourth connector of said memory card and controls at least one of read and write of said memory card.

3. (Previously Presented) The composite storage apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the fourth connector of said memory card comprises a plurality of connectors which support different types of memory cards, and

the memory card control circuit comprises a memory card control circuit for controlling at least one of read and write of said respective different types of memory cards.

4. (Previously Presented) The composite storage apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a cable for connecting the second connector of said card board and the first connector of said disk drive in the case of an external connection with said second interface.

5. (Previously Presented) The composite storage apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising a cable for parallel connecting the second

connector of said card board and the first connector of said disk drive to the external in the case of an external connection with said first interface.

6. (Previously Presented) The composite storage apparatus according to Claim 2, further comprising setup means for setting the master/slave between said memory card and said disk drive and disposed in said card board.

7. (Original) The composite storage apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said card board mounts said memory card device and said interface conversion circuit on the single side thereof.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) The composite storage apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said disk drive is comprised of a removable disk drive.

10. (Previously Presented) The composite storage apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said disk drive comprises:

a disk drive mechanism; and

a drive board on which a circuit for controlling said disk drive mechanism is mounted.

11. (Original) The composite storage apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said first interface is a parallel interface, and said second interface is a serial interface.

12. (Previously Presented) The composite storage apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein said first interface is an ATA/ATAPI interface, and said second interface is a USB interface.

13. (Currently Amended) A card board having first and second interfaces, comprising:

an interface conversion circuit for converting said second interface different in type of interface from said first interface into said first interface;

a first connector which is connected to said interface conversion circuit and for connecting to an outside connection using said second interface;

a memory card device which is connected to said interface conversion circuit; and

a second connector which is directly connected to a connection line between the interface conversion circuit and the memory card device, for connecting to the outside connection when connecting with the outside connection using the first

interface, and for connecting to a disk drive having a first interface when connecting with the outside connection using the second interface.

14. (Previously Presented) The card board according to Claim 13, wherein said memory card device further comprises:

a connector of a memory card; and  
a memory card control circuit which is connected to said connector of said memory card and controls at least one of read and write of said memory card.

15. (Original) The card board according to Claim 14, wherein the connector of said memory card comprises a plurality of connectors which support different types of memory cards, and said memory card control circuit is a control circuit for controlling at least one of read and write of said respective different types of memory cards.

16. (Previously Presented) The card board according to Claim 13, wherein the second connector of said card board and a connector of a disk drive are connected with a cable in the case of an external connection with said second interface.

17. (Currently Amended) The card board according to Claim 13, wherein ~~said~~ external equipment and the second connector of said card board are connected with a cable in the case of an external connection with said first interface.

18. (Previously Presented) The card board according to Claim 13, further comprising setup means for setting the master/slave between said memory card and a disk drive.

19. (Original) The card board according to Claim 13, wherein said card board mounts said memory card device and said interface conversion circuit on a single face thereof.

20. (Original) The card board according to Claim 13, wherein said first interface is a parallel interface, and said second interface is a serial interface.

21. (Previously Presented) The card board according to Claim 20, wherein said first interface is an ATA/ATAPI interface, and said second interface is a USB interface.

22. (Previously Presented) The card board according to Claim 13, wherein the second connector of said card board and a connector of a removable disk

drive are connected with a cable in the case of an external connection with said second interface.